

In the Claims:

Please rewrite claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A piezoelectric/electrostrictive device comprising:
a pair of mutually opposing thin plate sections made of metal and a fixation section for supporting said thin plate sections;
an object attached to forward end portions of said pair of thin plate sections; and
one or more unimorph piezoelectric/electrostrictive elements arranged on at least one thin plate section of said pair of thin plate sections, said at least one thin plate section defining a substrate for each respective unimorph piezoelectric/electrostrictive element, wherein:
an areal size of a surface of said object opposed to said thin plate section is larger than an areal size of an object attachment surface of said thin plate section.

Please add new claims 6 and 7 as follows:

6. (New) The piezoelectric/electrostrictive device according to claim 1, wherein said object is attached to only forward end portions of said pair of thin plate sections.
7. (New) The piezoelectric/electrostrictive device according to claim 1, wherein said piezoelectric/electrostrictive elements have a piezoelectric/electrostrictive operating portion defined between opposed electrodes, and the piezoelectric/electrostrictive operating portion extends from the fixation section onto at least a portion of said at least one thin plate section.